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Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
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48	54	54
30%	70%	40%

www.weather.com

## NUMBER CRUNCH

**651,000**

**number of jobs lost in February of this year.**

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## Servin' Aces



COREY DICKSTEIN / SENIOR REPORTER

Senior Erick Siqueira blasts a serve in Sunday's No. 1 doubles match against Anderson University. The men's tennis team recently moved to No. 4 in the nation.

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## Counseling provides midterm relaxation

BY KYLE COLLINS  
SENIOR REPORTER

During stressful midterms, GCSU Counseling Services coordinated several outreach events to help relieve the tension of test anxiety.

The director of student health services, Alice Loper, said students should communicate with professors about their issues and plan ahead so big exams don't become a huge burden.

The body perceives stressful exam events as emergency situations. Psychology professor Dr. John Lindsay said increased brain waves are the worst emergency response for test performance.

"If you have a test and think that's an emergency, the body is going to make that same reaction," Lindsay said. "The higher the rate of brain waves, the narrower your focus. Test taking is considered a complex task, so you want a broader focus of attention. It's not like you don't know the answer, but all the answers are coming at the same time."

Though stressful classes and ex-

ams are important topics, deeper issues are prevalent at GCSU. Counselors deal with students worried about financial problems, break ups and transition issues both as young underclassmen and seniors about to plunge into a volatile, professional world.

Jennifer Strole, counselor and coordinator of outreach services, said part of the week's purpose was to open peoples' eyes by showcasing a variety of relaxation techniques.

"A lot of people walk around in a constant state of stress, but it feels like the norm to them," Strole said. "Part of the reason for outreach programs is for people to learn skills and information to use before the stress is at that crisis point."

Midterm stress relief activities included music therapy, guided imagery and a blood pressure check. The blood pressure check was the most heavily attended event.

Loper said most students' readings were normal, but mentioned yearly checkups as a necessity. Peo-

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## Early College enrolls 55 new students

BY MATT ROGERS  
STAFF WRITER

Georgia College Early College admitted 55 seventh grade students to attend the school this fall.

These 55 students were chosen from a lottery of eligible students. GCEC chose 15 from Putnam County and 40 from Baldwin County. These numbers resulted in an agreement from both superintendents of their respective counties. GCEC received fewer students from Putnam because it is a smaller county.

GCEC was started in 2005. This Early College starts with students in the seventh grade, while most start in the ninth grade. According

to the GCEC Web site, GCEC is one of 12 early colleges in Georgia.

The basic criteria for the students applying include being within the 25th and 50th percentile and being first generation college students.

The principal of GCEC, Camille Daniel-Tyson, reflected upon the lottery this past week.

"People are crying (at the lottery)," Daniel-Tyson said. "It's life changing for (the families). It's a real great opportunity for the students."

A GCEC teacher, Brian Mumma, feels that GCEC is more than just an educational opportunity for the students.

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## City hears group housing petition

BY SARAH GIARRATANA  
STAFF WRITER

The Milledgeville City Council approved the first step in the group housing application for the new Delta Zeta house on Tuesday. The passing of the Delta Zeta house bill went smoothly, even after the rough passing of the housing ordinance restricting the number of unrelated people living in a "single-family" historic home to a maximum of three.

A second ordinance, passed shortly after the first, allows people to apply for group housing with more than three residents. In order to gain permission to have more than three unrelated residents, applying groups must prove that they have enough parking for all house residents and undergo a detailed fire inspection.

The ordinance applies to houses in districts SFR and SFR1, the areas of the historic district nearest to campus. The Delta Zeta house's plea continues on the road to group housing status, despite being located in district SFR1, with the passing of the recent movement.

With the Council's approval, their application will move on to a Planning and Zoning Commission review, and then will return to the city council for final approval. Director of city and zoning, Mervin Graham, stated that she needs a fire department and parking inspection in order

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## New campus TV show hits the air



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

MBC-4 started producing this week on the fourth floor of Atkinson Hall. The show is student-run and is advised by Steven Price.

BY STEPHANIE SORESENSEN  
STAFF REPORTER

GCSU moves onto the small screen with a new and improved news network. The new newscast production, MBC, will soon light up television screens across campus and throughout Baldwin County. The new station will be based mostly on features and human interest stories, a big improvement from the standard hard news tactics. With a fresh approach, the broadcast will be run by students and have a "Today" show relaxed atmosphere that will connect the college with the community.

"I think it's a great opportunity for people who want to learn more about the campus," said Caitlyn Gower, freshman. "The relaxed atmosphere will be refreshing and interesting."

The news network is gaining small improvements through the hard work of its staff and volunteers. They are rebuilding a classic news media to fit the college scene.

With bright TV personalities and new management, the network is getting revamped from its core.

"We're building a foundation for the future of the news network," said Andy Kelly. "We want to leave something that will make a long lasting impression on GCSU and the Baldwin community."

The staff at MBC is eager to start airing, but has had to postpone their first show to redesign the set to better fit the programs objective. New shows will air every Wednesday at 5 p.m., and everyday after that at the same time. Reporters can already be seen scattered across the campus gathering stories and community feedback.

"We want students to see what the GCSU network is about," said Daniel Troutman, producer of MBC. "We want the student body to know what is happening around campus and get involved on campus and in the community."

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## GCSU'S EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

**3** Years since Early College started

**12** Georgia Early College schools

**55** Students admitted in each class

Graphic by Matt Chambers



# DegreeWorks: a new tool for advisement

BY TIM GRAHAM  
STAFF REPORTER

Advisement and requirements for graduation are two small duties which can take up hours of a student's time if not laid out beforehand. This somewhat daunting task is made easier with the use of DegreeWorks, a free online tool provided by GCSU.

Last week, the Office of the Registrar held a program called "Lunch and Learn - DegreeWorks Student Planner" to educate students on how to use DegreeWorks as well as its newest addition, the DegreeWorks Planner.

DegreeWorks, according to developer SunGard's Web site, "provides a comprehensive set of web-based academic advising, degree audit and transfer articulation tools to help stu-

dents and their advisors negotiate your institution's curriculum requirements."

GCSU was the first university in Georgia to begin using DegreeWorks, implementing it last year. It is now mandatory for most schools in Georgia.

Lori Watson, Kathy Hill and Holly Snelling helped to coordinate and run the event in the University Banquet Room last Thursday. Their hopes were for students to begin to use the Planner in unison with DegreeWorks to help pave their path to graduation.

"We highly recommended it for students to use," Watson said. "All faculty have access to it. (The Planner) is for anyone who's not ready for graduation. This is for them. Use the Planner to keep the stress and aggravation out of your lives."

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## Registration Schedule

Graduate students, seniors and students with priority registration: March 16

Juniors: March 17

Sophomores: March 18

Freshmen: March 19

For more information about DegreeWorks and the DegreeWorks Planner, as well as the complete presentation online and a registration podcast, go to [www.gcsu.edu/registrar](http://www.gcsu.edu/registrar).

Graphic by Claire Kersey and  
Matt Chambers

# Springfest provides a peek at GCSU for prospective students

BY MATT CHAMBERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

This past Saturday, around 9:30 prospective students and their guests flocked to Milledgeville to explore their option of attending GCSU's campus during the annual Springfest event.

By 9 a.m., the Front Campus lawn was filled with a mixture of high school seniors and their parents from every jagged edge of Georgia, some even from beyond the state's borders. A GCSU team of Student Ambassadors and staff were on hand and dedicated to making Springfest enjoyable.

Kathy Edmonson, coordinator of Orientation and New Student Programs, felt Springfest was not only an informative event, but also a commemoration of the incoming students' success.

"The event is designed to celebrate prospective freshmen students' admittance to Georgia College and to confirm their decision to attend," said Edmonson.

Springfest also allowed other students to decide on GCSU over other schools.

Student Ambassador Nic Marrone understands the challenges of representing the university when so many students have committed to GCSU.

"Everyone is kind of nervous because it is such a sensitive day," Marrone said. "All the kids that come have been accepted by the school but may not have necessarily made a decision on whether to come here or not."

After checking in, poten-



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Prospective students and their parents gather around tables at Springfest's Bobcat Marketplace.

tial students received a bag of freebies that they could dissect while eating from the continental breakfast. Items in the bag included a free pen and note pad, some credit card and magazine offers and, most importantly, the itinerary for Springfest.

To start the welcome program, the GCSU Jazz Band entertained – and probably woke up a few Springfest attendees. In her last performance at GCSU, senior Laura Dees sang Peggy Lee's "Fever" and "That's My Style" while accompanied by the band. Also, in her last show, drummer Monique Williams showed off her drumming abilities in "Sing, Sing, Sing."

GCSU's president, Dorothy Leland, was next to hit the stage after the jazz band's performance.



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Springfest attendee glances at an information table set up on Front Campus to learn about registered students organizations.

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“I don’t know about following Jazz Band,” Leland said. “I’m not nearly as exciting.”

Despite her claim, Leland had the auditorium’s devoted attention as she cited the numerous reasons students should consider GCSU their school of choice. Leland’s speech focused on the small class sizes and the friendly, safe campus atmosphere.

Director of Admissions, Mike Augustine, broke down the applying freshman class numerically. So far there have been 3,610 applications, 1,798 of which have been accepted.

Kathleen is one of those high school seniors who will soon call GCSU her home.

“I’ve already been accepted,” Kathleen Dunphy. “I’ve already paid and POUNCED.”

Another speaker, junior Bren Thomas gave the upcoming freshmen three pieces of advice: wear comfortable shoes, call your parents for reasons other than money and don’t change everything about yourself, stay true to who you are.

In 27 different sessions, parents and prospective students were given information and class requirements for their selected majors.

During the session, faculty members and current students presented their views and opinions on the different majors and their benefits. Incoming freshmen also had opportunities



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Registered Student Organizations line up for students and parents attending Springfest Saturday afternoon in front of Maxwell Student Union.

to ask questions about their majors.

After the session, there was a list of places open for exploration by the possible freshmen, such as the Bobcat Marketplace, where potential students perused the wide variety of registered student organizations they could become active in.

This year, there were 60 tables filled with 70 different organizations that stretched down the main walkway on Front Campus. Some tables caught students’ interest with music and others with candy and sweets.

Apple Campus Representative Brett Compton also felt his table generated a lot of interest.

“I think I probably had 20 one-on-one conversations with different people and their parents,” Compton said. “That’s a big impact.”

With so many RSOs on display, it’s not hard for incoming students to get lost in the sea of fliers and tablecloths.

“It’s a little overwhelming, but I do feel like I’m getting informed,” Kathleen Dunphy said.

While some freshmen and their parents browsed the Bobcat Marketplace, others took advantage of the opportunity to explore different places through campus mini-tours. Two rooms in Adams Hall were open for viewing during Springfest as well.

Many ended their day under the same white tent they had started the day with. Visiting students filled out a survey on Springfest in order to receive one final keepsake from their day— a GCSU t-shirt.

“I bet there’s a lot of GCSU logos walking around the state right now,” Edmonson said.

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BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Student anchors host MBC-4, GCSU's new campus TV station, airing Wednesdays at 5 p.m., on Channel 58 on campus.

MBC

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The network is branching out with segments on sports at GCSU. In the future, the campus may see real time coverage on major games. Also, a consumer’s corner is in the works to help out the community in troubled times.

“Athletics here are often neglected by a vast portion of the student body,” said Robert Aycock, sophomore. “More publicity would only drive more support of the teams.”

The network is reaching into new frontiers of broadcast news, such as different camera angles and live airings to make the broadcast more interesting and informal. MBC is striving for maximum human interest while staying true to journalistic values.

The show will be a group effort on behalf of Stephen Price’s rhetoric classes, as well as practicum students and volunteers. Most students involved are mass communication majors, but all students are welcome. The group holds tutorials on Tuesdays and Thursdays for those who are interested in learning about the media. The student body has been apathetic in the past to the news network, but the new producers and staff want to change their public view this semester.

“I think a more creative perspective on the news will encourage students to watch, and be aware of the events at GCSU,” said Charissa Curry.

There are different sides to telecommunications other than the nightly newscast



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Cameraman films GCSU's new TV station MBC-4 Wednesday afternoon.

filled with attention grabbing crime related stories. MBC strives to break the mold of a typical news network. Students who are interested in getting involved with MBC will learn how to use the equipment and put together complete story packages.

“We’re going in a new direction with the Network,” Kelly said. “We want to convey to the audience what they want to see as well as different perspectives.”

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## Stress

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a family history of high blood pressure should be more vigilant.

“Stress is a vicious cycle that can effect every inch of your body,” Loper said. “(Stress) makes any illness worst because you are less likely to recover from the sickness.”

According to WebMD, high stress levels contribute to high blood pressure or hypertension. Because hypertension forces blood against the arteries too strongly, the heart can be damaged over time, eventually leading to heart disease or stroke.

Lindsay and Loper agree on poor sleep habits as one of the biggest contributors to stress buildup. Loper said routine sleep is vital to prevent the body from feeling drained.

For those struggling with stress induced mental states, Lindsay said meditation could help quiet the mind. The Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research said meditation helps clear the mind of distracting thoughts, allowing people to gain new perspectives and ways of handling stress.

Advantages of meditation include becoming more self-aware and helping individuals focus more on the present instead of a growing list of tasks.

Different methods work for different people. Experimenting to find out your best stress escape mechanism could help improve the quality of everyday life.

Strole said stress is crossing the line when it spurs distressful anxiety and depression. Emotional outbursts, appetite fluctuations and social withdrawal can be signs life is getting out of control.

“Don’t be embarrassed because everybody on campus is dealing with some kind of confusion or struggle. No one is exempt. It can be a sign of maturity that you’re seeking (help) out as opposed to there being something wrong with you,” Strole said.

Campus resources are available for students searching for direction. Strole said students have to take initiative to seek out the available support.

“Maximize the resources available to you. This is the only time in your life you will get free therapy,” Strole said. “Don’t look back and think, ‘I wish I had done this or tried that or talked to that person.’”



TAYLOR EHRAJIAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Jourdan Hamilton, senior, has his blood pressure in an event being held by Counseling Services.



TAYLOR EHRAJIAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Sarah Strole participates in a stress relieving music-making session.



TAYLOR EHRAJIAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Counseling Services encourage blood pressure checks during stressful times such as midterms

# Make a note of it!

The Mu Psi chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated are hosting their first fashion show on April 1 at 7:30 p.m., in the Arts and Sciences auditorium to raise money for the St. Jude Foundation.

GCSU’s Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity’s Women’s Resource Center, along with the Women’s Studies Program, celebrate National Women’s History Month with the following programs located all located in the Women’s Resource Center, 143 Maxwell Student Union:

### Women on Wednesdays

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Date: March 18

Dr. Kalina Manoylov presents “The Sky is the Limit” for Women in the Natural Sciences

### A Series of Films on Women and the Environment

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Date: March 19

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# Student Activities Budget Committee

## Organization Eligibility and Budget Process

The Student Activities Budget Committee (SABC) will be meeting soon to discuss the 2009 – 2010 funding requests by eligible student organizations. To receive funding for the next year, groups must meet the following specific eligibility requirements and follow the budget request process as stated below from the approved “Student Activities Budget Committee Policies and Procedures.”

## Organization Eligibility Requirements

A. The group must be officially recognized and have a faculty or staff adviser. The organization must exist purely to serve or represent the student body as a whole. Programs and participation in the organization must be open to all students. The organization must not have any racial, religious, or ethnic ties which might discourage otherwise interested students from joining it and must not discriminate on the basis of race, sex or national origin.

B. The organization may require certain abilities or talents of its participants. However, the right to apply for membership in such an organization must be available to all interested students. Moreover, the organization must present a program which satisfies the following three requirements.

1. The program must be of general benefit to the student body and participation in the program must be open to all interested students.
2. The program must be one which the sponsoring organization is clearly better able to present than any other campus organization already being funded under criteria A.
3. The program must have sufficient value to warrant its funding when compared to other criteria spelled out above.

Approved student organizations that meet the eligibility requirements may pick up information concerning the process and requirements for a budget hearing in the Student Affairs Office. The information may also be found in the Student Handbook Online at <http://www.gcsu.edu/studentlife/handbook/advisory.html> under Student Activity Budget Committee. For full consideration eight (8) copies of the request for funding must be submitted to the SABC by March 20, 2009, c/o the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, in the Student Affairs office, Lanier Hall, room 214 or CBX 27. Approved student organizations meeting eligibility requirements are not necessarily guaranteed funding by the SABC, and organizations relating their request to the mission of the university will be given primary consideration.



# Early College

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“The overall goal (of GCEC) is to change (the students’) self-image,” Mumma said. They carry Bobcat Cards and are considered Early College students. We want to give them an environment they can succeed in.”

Economic issues are causing most public schools to increase their class sizes but not GCEC.

“GCEC provides (and sustains) a small, intimate learning community that keeps a low teacher/student ratio by capping the number that are accepted each year,” Mumma said.

GCEC keeps the number of accepted low so they can provide a better learning environment.

“It’s heart-breaking to see those who don’t get chosen,” Mumma said. “We’d love to serve more, but we can’t hold to our philosophy if we took everybody.”

Most of the GCEC students appreciate the opportunity they are given.

“I like (GCEC) a lot,” seventh grader

Jamonica Wright said. “We have more freedom and a better education here.”

Some students find the transition to GCEC challenging.

“It’s getting better,” eighth grader Cory McCant said. “I was nervous at first. I didn’t know what to expect. It’s much better now. It was hard to adjust at first.”

Wright recalls the joy she and her parents had when she got accepted into GCEC.

“My parents were real happy and excited (when they found out I got in),” Wright said.

McCant has a younger cousin who applied to GCEC, and McCant hopes he will have the opportunity to attend.

“He gets trouble a lot at school,” Cory said. “I give him advice every day (to behave better). He knows I know what I’m talking about. I can’t wait until he gets his letter.”

Wright gives advice to the seventh graders who will attend Early College in the fall, but this advice can apply to GCSU students as well.

“(The students) need to be more responsible,” Wright said. “They (shouldn’t) take advantage of the education they’ll receive.

# DegreeWorks

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DegreeWorks displays all classes, based on requirements for individual majors, that have been taken, are currently being taken or those left to take before graduation. With this information, a student can go to his or her advisor and iron out a plan much more efficiently, thanks to all of the information displayed on the computer screen in an easy to read worksheet.

The Planner allows users the ability to drag and drop classes in the order they plan on taking them. There can be up to three plans set up in case a class does not work out.

The ability to plan classes out ahead of time is advantageous in numerous ways. It will help with planning registration for upcoming semesters, understanding remaining degree requirements and preparing for appointments with academic advisors.

“By doing it (planning your schedule) ahead of time,” Watson said, “it takes out the guesswork, takes out the panic of advising.”

The Office of the Registrar strongly advises students to take advantage of these

tools, because it is what they use when looking over graduation applications. If DegreeWorks shows that a student has not completed a class, then the application will be denied until that requirement is fulfilled.

For now, the Planner just allows students to drag and drop the classes they have left to take in the semester that they plan on taking them. Unfortunately, that does not guarantee that those classes will be available. Some may not be offered certain semesters, or the class may already filled by the time a student registers.

In the future, the Office of the Registrar plans on using DegreeWorks and the Planner as tools to predict which classes are in high demand and at what times.

“We’ll be able to look at the courses that students are planning to take and see what is needed,” Hill said.

This could potentially help with adding classes earlier or later based on the demand from students using the DegreeWorks Planner.

The next program will be held on Thursday, March 19, in the University Banquet Room at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m.

# Housing

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to process a group-housing applicant.

Students, unhappy with the original restrictions, can remain hopeful that with the success of the Delta Zeta house, the process to earn group housing status will only grow easier. With students constantly moving in and out of houses, the original restriction outlawed more than three unrelated residents from living in a house.

“If this were strictly enforced, students would be kicked out of their homes,” Joel Graham, SGA Senator, said. “What actually happened and what we were assured by the city, is that students would not be prosecuted (under that ordinance) if they were not a problem.”

Council members at the recent meeting seemed completely at ease with the idea of another sorority house moving into downtown Milledgeville.

“I don’t have a problem with (group housing),” said Ken Vance, council member. “As long as they keep the integrity of the houses for historic purposes.”

Despite the City Council’s approval of the Delta Zeta house application, students are still concerned with the restrictions placed on prospective home renters.

“I think the ordinance is impractical,” junior Kaytie-Robyn Bird said. “We are college kids in a college town. Why should we be limited to how many people we can live with?”

With students being angered over the housing ordinance, SGA stepped in quickly to find a solution.

“When (SGA) found out



CAITLIN McCOURT/ GUEST PHOTOGRAPHER  
City Council discusses the ordinances involved with group housing in the areas closest to campus Tuesday afternoon.

that this amendment (on the original housing bill) was in the works, we showed that students supported this and we supported it as a student organization,” Graham said. “The City Relations Committee hoped they would pass it, and they did.”

Though the amendment makes group housing in historic homes possible, some feel that the paperwork and application process might be too rigorous for non-Greek groups who only intend to live there during the school year.

“I figure (the city) should make exceptions for students,” junior Evan Boitet said. “Having four people in a house shouldn’t make living more difficult (for students).”

Bird remains hopeful that despite the ordinance, she

and her roommates will be able to find a suitable living arrangement for next year.

Students continue to search for housing within the historic districts, though other off-campus housing options like The Grove and The Bellamy are becoming available.

“(Group housing) is fine if you’re being quiet, being respectful to your neighbors and keeping the house up,” Graham said. “You shouldn’t expect any trouble.”

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## Our Voice

### Colonnade's stance on photojournalism

Just a few weeks ago, The Pentagon announced that they will relax the ban against photographing flag draped coffins of fallen soldiers. But, is this a positive step for media or a crushing blow to mourning families? The Colonnade thinks that the responsibility of the photojournalist outweighs the possible harm publishing these photos might do to family members.

Since 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, photojournalists have been forbidden by the government to take photographs that ought to be shown to the world. There is more emotion and impact in a single photograph of the coffins being unloaded from ships and planes than a well-written article and a list of names of the same fallen soldiers. As a generation accustomed to consuming news and culture visually, a single photograph would reach a much broader audience than even the most well-written article would.

It is also the right of the American people to see the true cost of war. When the media only shows photos of smiling soldiers with their families about to ship off to protect the nation, it gives the viewer a different feeling than the same soldiers' corpse returning to our fair country. Though we believe showing "happier" photos of soldiers boosts moral for war at home. We do not think that spinning a war in that way is fair and unbiased. Instead, print both. Show both sides of the story.

Currently, the families of the soldiers still hold the right to decline photographs of their soldiers.

All media outlets should be allowed to take photos and videos of returning coffins and publish them on any outlet they see fit with or without family consent. Though families may feel that publishing photos of their dead loved ones might be an invasion of their privacy, it is also the right of the American people to know and see the results of war.

Unfortunately, the truth is that soldiers die overseas everyday, so why should the government be allowed to ban the photographic proof of such? The answer is that they shouldn't. The job of a photojournalist is to photograph the world's happenings as accurately and truthfully as possible, and the government should not interfere with this process.

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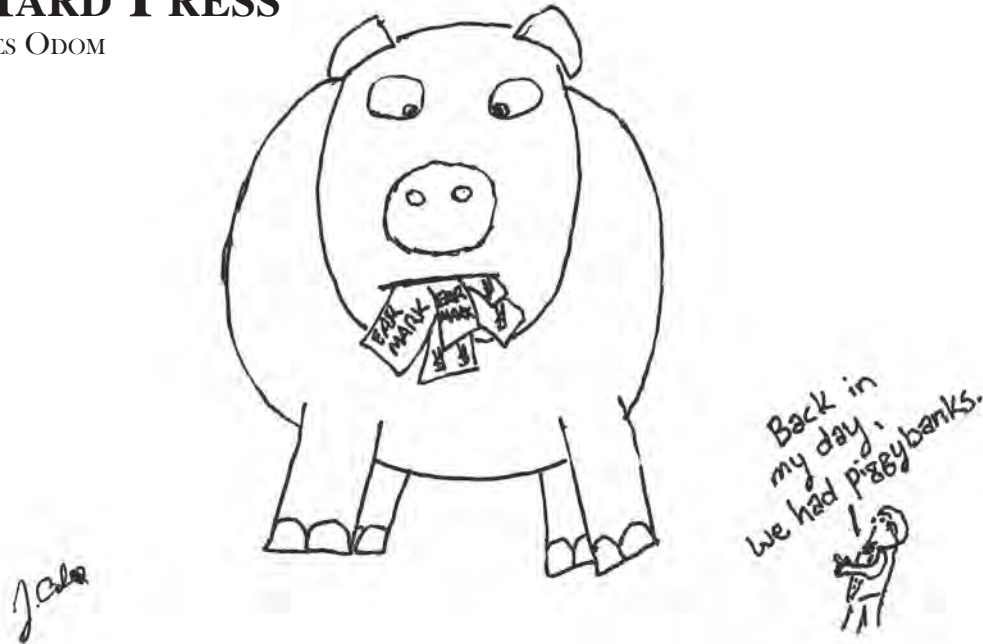
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## THE HARD PRESS

BY JAMES ODOM



## Obama hindering UK relationship



BY ANDREW ADAMS  
COLUMNIST

Former President Bush did a lot of things wrong. And that's probably an understatement. But there might be one thing that he did exceptionally well. He built our alliance with the United Kingdom.

I'm not saying that in the past seven weeks, since President Obama took office, we have lost our number one ally, but we might be headed towards rocky waters.

It all started when President Obama moved into the Oval Office. One of his first actions as the new president was to remove a bust, or statue, of Winston Churchill, the great British World War II leader. That bust was a gift from the British that symbolizes the very deep connection that England and America have historically had.

Strike one.

Perhaps the Churchill bust is the most fitting sym-

bol of our transatlantic relationship. It was after all, American President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill that cemented our solid alliance. While fighting in World War II together, Churchill and Roosevelt defended freedom and democracy, and began a tradition that every new American President and British Prime Minister visit the other's country as their first official foreign visit, Time magazine reported.

Correction: that was the tradition. Obama ended that tradition when he decided to visit Canada as his first official foreign visit.

I'm confident that Obama didn't mean to slight the Brits. It was a lapse in judgment but certainly unintentional. Unfortunately, in the world of foreign affairs, lapses in judgment prove very costly.

If this were the only American-British issue, it wouldn't be so bad. Seeing as British Prime Minister Gordon Brown wasn't able to be the first leader to host Obama, he took up an invitation from the White House to meet with President Obama. The two leaders originally planned on having a live podium to podium news conference together, just as former President Bush and

former Prime Minister Tony Blair did numerous times. President Obama decided to cancel that news conference according to the New York Daily News.

Strike two.

The president slighted Prime Minister Brown by ending a 60 year tradition, and canceled a news conference with him after the Prime Minister had flown 2,000 miles to meet with him. But, our alliance with Great Britain is so strong, that not even that can really seriously dent our alliance.

It is also a long held tradition for new American and British leaders to exchange gifts during their first official meeting together. According to the Guardian (UK) Prime Minister Brown gave President Obama a pen holder that is made from the wood of a British ship that was involved in fighting ships involved in the African slave trade. This is a wonderful, symbolic gift that shows how vocal England was against slavery.

What wonderful symbolic gift did Obama give to Prime Minister Brown? The answer is Psycho, Star Wars, ET, the Wizard of Oz along with twenty-one other DVDs according to the London Telegraph. That's right, the president gave our nation's number one ally twenty five

DVDs. Perhaps most worrisome about these DVDs is the fact that depending on how they were coded, American-made DVDs don't run on British made DVD players.

Strike Three.

To characterize this relationship and exchange of gifts; think of a sixty-year-old marriage built on tradition and symbolism. Valentines Day rolls around, and one person in the relationship gets the other a terrifically symbolic gift that dates back roughly 200 years. The other person in the relationship picks up a few DVDs off the five dollar rack at Wal-Mart for their significant other. But then, the person who bought the \$5 DVDs also canceled their dinner out at the last minute (like Obama canceled their joint press conference). And in addition, Mr. \$5 DVD and dinner canceler also removes the picture of his significant other in his office at work (like President Obama did with the Winston Churchill statue).

This marriage is headed for rocky waters, just as our alliance is with the British. Obama vowed to improve our standing in the world; I'm afraid he might actually be hurting our standing with our number one ally.

## Colonnade's March 6 'Voice' sparks debate

Last week The Colonnade's editorial, "Our Voice," about apathy in America triggered a widespread debate about a variety of topics including

The debate was sparked when the editorial was posted on Digg.com and quickly became one of the most popular items on the Web site. In fact, on Monday, March 9, "Our Voice" became the fifth most popular item on Digg for that 24-hour period.

The debate ignited an overflow of traffic to GCSUnade.com, as the editorial recorded an absolutely unprecedented 38,327 hits (as of Wednesday, March 11). To put this into perspective, the second most read article of the week recorded 173 hits, a pretty typical number for a top story that has been up for six days.

As the debate raged on The Colonnade received 33 comments at GCSUnade.com, but the most lively debate took place directly on Digg, where at last count there were well over 500 comments.

The point of an editorial is to make a simple point and get people talking about a subject. Last week proved that this process works. The Colonnade would like to thank everyone who read and commented on "Our Voice."

May the debating continue.

Excerpts from "Our Voice" comments on GCSUnade.com

**"Why is it even important to know the three branches of government? Is it relevant? Does it make people happier? Obviously not."**

-Joe American

**"That's a very lazy and dangerous way of thinking about government. You should be ashamed of calling yourself Joe American. The only thing keeping government in check are the people. Living in a free country doesn't mean that you get to just sit on the couch eating cheetos all day, we all have some responsibility to pay attention and keep our system in check, otherwise it can become corrupt and only serve the rich and powerful."**

-Jason

**"How else to explain a society where a third rate comedian like Jon Stewart is considered politically authoritative and a fraud like Obama runs the Executive branch?"**

-Diana

**"Diana, I think you'd be surprised to find that the demographic who watches the Daily Show has also been found to have the highest education level for that time slot and competing shows."**

-Brian

**"This really isn't suprising. This is the country that elected George W. not only once, but twice. In the age of ignorance the government no loner has to worry about subjugating the masses, no we just do it ourselves.."**

-Locke



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Solving local traffic issue

Dear Editor,

Years ago in Baltimore, the powers that be created a unique traffic pattern. Traffic would move North to South (and vice versa). Then it would be East/West turn. Then, ALL traffic would stop and pedestrians could then move in any direction, including kitty-corner.

It was called the Barnes Walk-I don't remember why!  
Maybe a similar pattern could be used at Hancock/Clark.

Caroline Stickline  
Office Manager - Learning in Retirement  
Continuing Education

## Response to last week's 'Our Voice'

Dear Editor,

I am in agreement with the concept of the piece, but it has a deeper meaning than just the apathy of our countrymen. It has been a neglected subject in American schools from kindergarten to upper schooling and undervalued by parents.

This has, in my estimation, led to a knee-jerk patriotism, where patriotism is defined by the latest news story, media frenzy and/

or movie, with no knowledge or understanding of the realities, facts, history or understanding behind the story. A history of sound bites, if you will.

The misunderstanding of the importance of history and geography of this nation is not one of apathy alone but shows a lack of importance to the democratic nature of our wonderful freedoms and their meanings.

Jim Lenahan

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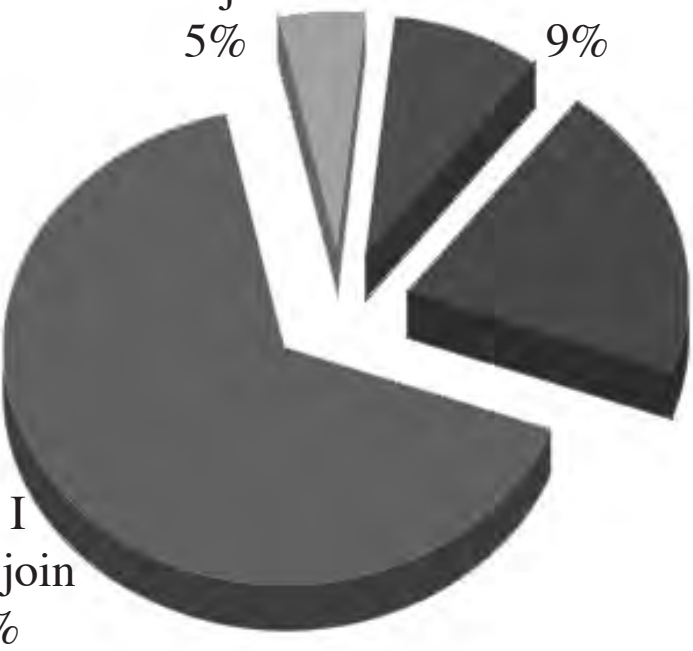
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- In last week's edition of The Colonnade the "Locks of Love" brief on page 1 should read "Gamma Sigma Sigma, not Gamma Gamma Sigma.
- In last week's "Our Voice" the show that Sandra Day O'Connor appeared on was "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart."
- In last's week's article, "Hancock and Clark streets focus of GDOT study," the correct spelling is Clark street.

### POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY COREY DICKSTEIN

## Are you on Twitter?



Response	Percentage
No, I won't join	66%
Yes, I like it	20%
Yes, I don't like it	9%
No, I will join	5%


### Next week's question:

## Is it important for Americans to understand their government?

- Yes
- No


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Got more to say? Let us know with a letter to the editor! Send them to [Colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu](mailto:Colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu).




# Bobcat Beat


### What are you doing for spring break?




**"I'm going to Orlando, Fla.!"**  
*Ashley Brooks, junior, management*




**"I am a true 'Peter' and I am not doing anything but working at home."**  
*Eric Neas, freshman, Business*



**"I am having surgery."**  
*Katie Morgan, sophomore, psychology*



**"For spring break I am going to Panama City with an awesome group of people to have an awesome time."**  
*Patrick Robertson, freshman, business*




**"I am going to be staying in Milledgeville and hanging out with my cousin."**  
*Thomas Yarbrough, junior, history*

*Reported by Drake Simons*

# The Litter Box

Instant Message with "ColonnadeVent"



**ColonnadeVent**  
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I would love to sit by the library coffee shop just once and not have to listen to the barista's extremely loud friends chat to him or her the entire time.

YAY FOR SALES AT KROGER!! They allow me to be a cheap college student!

Beer is good, beer is great, beer is fun! Until the next morning -- Beer is bad, beer is very, very bad.....

Dear roommates: is it really necessary to have the TV turned up THAT high? Are the commercials really THAT important to you?? Hey here's a thought... maybe if you turned the TV down to a normal level you wouldn't have to yell at each other and make the apartment even louder!

I live with a girl who talks like a valley girl. SAVE ME!

As my head throbs due to the music you blast from your little toy car...I can't help but wonder why you'd advertise that thing was yours.

Alex's gf thinks I am mean.

I think my MF'in brain is going to explode... Great timing...

Spring break, why are you STILL so far away?




Way too many people are on boats.

What's up with all the cops and their flashing blue lights tonight?

Stop saying stupid things!!!!!!

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## FOCUS ON: ADDERALL

BY RYAN DEL CAMPO  
STAFF REPORTER

Midterms have come and gone. Before we know it, we will have finals to spend every waking hour studying for. Sometimes the stress factor and the overbearing workload are just too much for the average college student, so many turn to alternative methods rather than conventional exhaustive study hours. Some students cheat, some give up and some beg their professors for extra help. Others may take the medicated option, whether or not they have a prescription for the drugs.

The most popular drug used and abused among stressed students is Adderall: a stimulant in the amphetamine family. Adderall's medical intention is to treat Attention Deficit Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and narcolepsy. Some comparable drugs which could be used interchangeably include Concerta, Vyvex and Ritalin. People afflicted with ADD or ADHD use these stimulants to improve their focus and productivity. In the majority of these cases, Adderall is medically safe. However, users who have not been diagnosed with these disorders often experience adverse side effects.

Adderall "may be habit-forming-avoid long term use," warns the online clinical community, UpToDate. Serious reactions can occur if you abuse or misuse this medicine- it should not be taken by any-

one taking weight loss medicine or coupled with alcohol consumption. It also causes problems if taken in excess doses or with caffeine. Even if taken correctly, symptoms of the drug can include stomach pain, dizziness, an irregular heartbeat, headaches and loss of appetite. It can even cause sudden death in patients with cardiac abnormalities or serious heart problems.

This issue exists on a national level as well as in college atmospheres. The DEA estimates that the annual street value of diverted controlled drugs rivals that of cocaine and surpasses that of both marijuana and heroin.

"Nearly seven million Americans used prescription drugs non-medically in 2006," claims another UpToDate publication, "which is more than the number who use cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens, ecstasy and inhalants combined."

Adderall, and similar stimulant use, factors into a large percentage of these statistics.

While selling the drug is illegal, its distribution is also difficult to track. Many deals happen within the confines of a house or dorm room- well away from the authorities' sight. Also, many distributors and buyers have clean judicial records and have no history of drug abuse.

One anonymous GCSU freshman, who has been diagnosed with both ADD and ADHD since the age of five, sells a handfull of pills each month.

"I might sell ten one week and just a couple here and there the next," he said. "For friends, I will sell one 30 milligram pill for \$3. For other people, I will charge \$4 or \$5. The people who rarely buy it have no problem paying five bucks because they don't know otherwise."

These unlicensed distributors do not represent the whole population of prescribed Adderall users. Freshman Jordan Spires has taken Adderall for about a year and does not sell his excess pills.

"Admittedly, the thought has crossed my mind," he said. "But then again, if anyone had a multitude of leftover Adderall, who wouldn't entertain the idea? But I've never done anything past thinking about it."

The amount of stimulant abuse at GCSU is likely similar to the amount at other campuses as well as national trends. No definitive statistics have been found which establish the severity of the problem at each of these levels.



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Adderall, a drug perscribed to those with ADD, ADHD and narcolepsy, is often sold illegally on the GCSU campus to those who need help concentrating on school work.

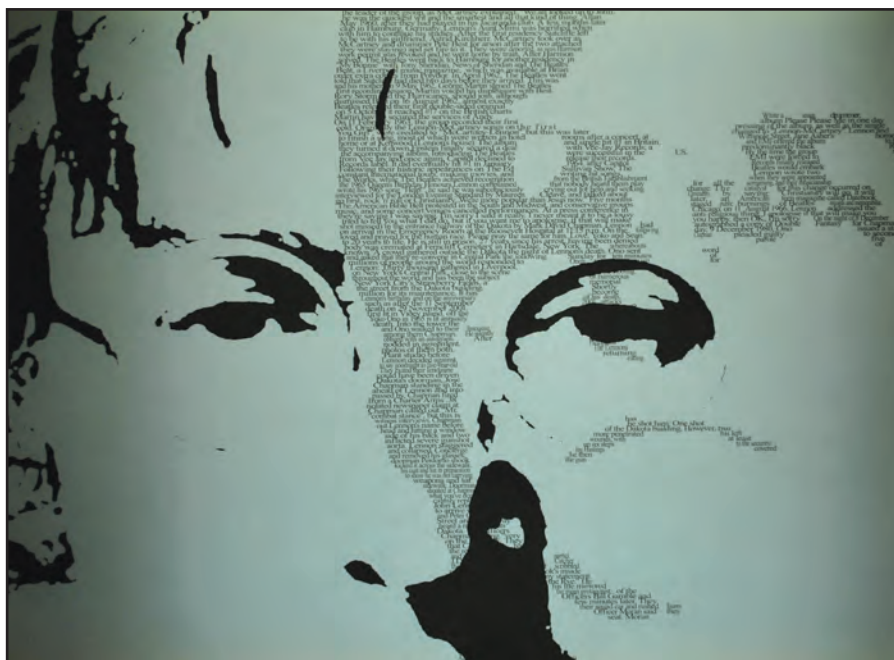
Alice Loper, a family nurse practitioner and director of Student Health Services at GCSU, has formed an opinion about Adderall use at GCSU based upon her experiences with students at Health Services.

"I think (GCSU students) do have a problem," she said. "I have nothing to base that on other than opinion, but I know that it's a very popular drug. Students get desperate around midterms and finals, and

I would not be a bit surprised if the trends at GCSU were similar to the national trends."

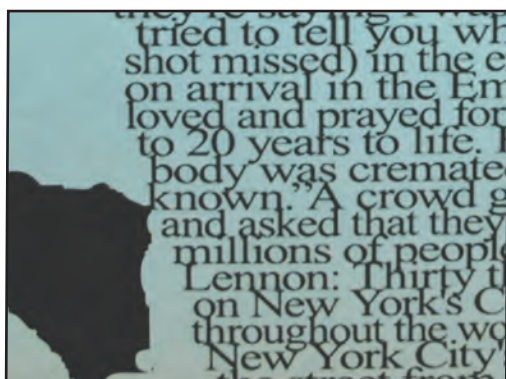
Whether or not the students at GCSU have established a trend of stimulant abuse, the dangers of taking Adderall without legal approval still exist.

HEADLINE GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE KERSEY AND  
MATT CHAMBERS



### Fatal Attraction

Senior mass communication major Cooper van Rossum's piece "Fatal Attraction" depicts John Lennon and his murderer Mark David Chapman. Van Rossum composed Chapman's image out of Lennon's biography. "Fatal Attraction" is a light box printed on transparency film and framed in wood, and is the namesake for van Rossum's exhibit.



PHOTOS BY COREY DICKSTEIN / SENIOR REPORTER

## 'Fatal Attractions' now on display at Blackbird

BY SARAH GIARRATANA  
STAFF REPORTER

Visitors to Blackbird might wonder why portraits of assassins now plaster the walls. These intricate works of art, created by artist and mass communication major Cooper Dobbs van Rossum, hide poignant meanings behind their gruff exteriors.

These works are part of "Fatal Attractions," van Rossum's art exhibit that debuted Monday Mar. 9 at Blackbird. The exhibit encompasses his work with text portraits on different mediums. Four of the five works consist of portraits of famous assassins, created with text from the biography of the person they killed. "I hate art talk," van Rossum said. "But the only reasons these random people were famous was because of the person they killed."

By using the text from the victim's biography, van Rossum asserts the lives of the assassins are significant only because of their crimes. The faces on the wall include Marc David Chapman, John Wilkes Booth, Gavrilo Princip and Marvin Gay Sr.

"The idea happened last semester to do an entirely text portrait with a picture of Marc David Chapman, who shot John Lennon, entirely of text from John Lennon's biography," van Rossum said. "I did that and it was great."

After finishing his class assignment, van Rossum was asked to do an exhibit at Blackbird. His show is highlighted by an extravagant light box, which depicts a portrait of John Lennon and another portrait of his murderer in text.

"The light box was really cool," van Rossum said, "because it depicts both victim and assassin."

Though van Rossum's work spoke

volumes by itself, captivated friends and fans had nothing but good things to say about it.

"It's really good," said Emily Gomez, photography teacher. "I really like the variety of materials that he's using."

Aside from the light box printed on transparency film and framed in wood, the exhibit included screen prints and an etching made with nitric acid on metal.

"You basically use a silk screen and a stencil," said art major Toni Dread about screen-printing. "Then you press the ink on top of the stencil and on to the wood."

Each picture required a large amount of time and text. The light box took two weeks, and the smallest piece took about eight hours, van Rossum said.

Throughout the show and artist talk, crowds milled around and mingled with the artist.

"He's a mass communication major," Gomez said. "But he should be an art major."

Whatever his major, van Rossum produced eye-catching art that dazzled crowds and inspired those who took time to take a closer look at each piece.

"I encourage people to come look," Dread said. "There's a whole other level because you can see the image, then spend time reading it."

Luckily for fans, van Rossum stated that he plans to keep working on his art. His original show was supposed to have twelve pieces, instead of five.

"I've watched the progression of Cooper's work from when he started," said alumna Rachel Hotchkiss. "I think he's come a long way and I'm proud of him. It looks very professional."

Van Rossum's art will hang in Blackbird until late April.



COREY DICKSTEIN / SENIOR REPORTER

Senior Cooper Dobbs van Rossum talks to the audience and introduces his artwork at Blackbird Coffee on Monday

## Graduating seniors go out on a high note



RYAN DEL CAMPO / STAFF REPORTER

The Jazz Band performed in Russell Auditorium last week. "I think it's one of the best we've done," said Dr. Robert Wilson, MC for the event.

BY MATTHEW KUHIL  
STAFF WRITER

then to work with them," Wilson said.

The GCSU Jazz Band jazzed up Russell Auditorium last week with its 2009 Spring Concert and played a selection of classical jazz for a large crowd.

Interim Chair of the Music and Theatre Department and Music Director Dr. Todd Shiver said that he was proud of the band's performance despite a last minute sound board glitch.

"I thought it was a very good performance," Shiver said.

Dr. Robert Wilson, interim chair of the History Department and MC of the Jazz Band for 14 years, praised the performance.

"I think it's one of the best we've done," Wilson said. "Having really great musicians and singers is not new. But I think that this band is one of the best-balanced bands, in terms of all the sections being strong."

Wilson praised Shiver's performance as the director of the Jazz Band.

"This is all attributed to Dr. Shiver, his ability to recruit really good people and

This was the last Russell performance by three long-time Jazz Band members: vocalist Laura Dees, drummer Monique Williams and trombonist Lauren Lundin. All three have been with the band for four years, a stint for which Laura Dees is notable.

"Usually I'll have a vocalist for a year, two years at the most. This is the longest I've ever had (one)," Shiver said.

But Shiver anticipates little trouble filling the vacant positions.

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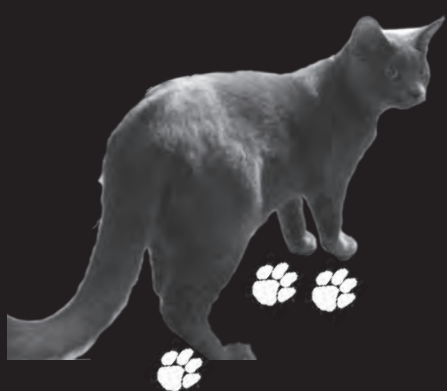
# Spotlight

BY CHELSEA THOMAS



## The Animal Rescue Foundation

Come spring many students and professors adopt pets for their homes and families. In Milledgeville, the Animal Rescue Foundation offers a safe, professional way to find the perfect pet.



### Get to know the organization:

The Animal Rescue Foundation is a non-profit humane society serving central Georgia. Located at 711 South Wilkinson Street, ARF seeks loving and responsible permanent homes for abandoned animals. They encourage the spaying and neutering of all pets to prevent more animal homelessness. ARF also educates the community on the proper care and treatment of animals.

To adopt any pet, there is a fee of \$80 to cover the animal being spayed or neutered and vaccinated for rabies. Only Georgia residents over the age of 21 that sign the legal contract and fill out the adoption application are permitted to adopt. For students and Milledgeville residents renting their home, ARF requires proof of the rental agreement allowing pets. Otherwise, they encourage adoptions to worthy owners willing to make a lifelong commitment to their pet.

### To support ARF:

The pets rescued usually come in grimy and malnourished. Many suffer from fleas, ticks and parasites. On top of feeding and housing them, these animals need medical attention and tests. ARF suggests that the community donate money or attend one of their frequent fundraisers. ARF 2009 Calendars, of which proceeds aid the animals, are also on sale at the Old Governor's Mansion, The Museum Store, The Animal Hospital and many local stores.

For additional information call the Animal Rescue Foundation at (478) 454-1273 or visit their Web Site at [www.animalrescuefoundation.org](http://www.animalrescuefoundation.org).

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## Jazz Band Concert

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The Spring Concert also marked the release of the Jazz Band's latest CD, Moonglow. It was available for sale at both concerts, for \$10 a copy. The CD, the Jazz Band's third, was recorded in Max Noah Recital Hall under studio conditions.

"I'm really pleased with the way the whole package turned out," said Shiver. "It's really a nice keepsake for the kids who were on the CD. It's a nice way for the audience to take the Jazz Band home with them."

According to Shiver, funding provided by the Campus Activities Board was crucial to the Jazz Band's continued success this year.

"The budget that we work on with the bands is less than, not even counting inflation, it was in 1990. And we've really been stretched, having to buy music, repair dilapidated equipment and so on. So I went to the Campus Activities Board last year, and they came up with money for us this year," Shriver said. "And it's made a huge difference. In return, we haven't had to charge students for the concerts this year."

Sophomore economics major Brad Cone, who has been to all of the Jazz Band's concerts since he arrived at GCSU, lauded the performance.

"They're always great. They always do a great job," Cone said. "They always seem to



RYAN DEL CAMPO / STAFF REPORTER

GCSU Idol Laura Dees sings with the Jazz Band

get better, too, somehow."

His favorite parts, he said, were solos by saxophone player Kyle Christmas, and the song "In The Mood", the solo by Monique Williams.

# "What would you do if it were your child?"

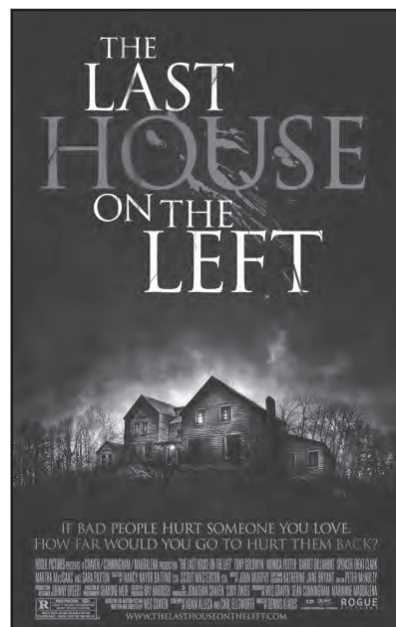
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BY CHRIS MOSKALY  
REVIEWER

For anyone who treasures Wes Craven's classic tale of vengeance/terror, Dennis Iliadis' remake of "The Last House on the Left" is about as good a remake as anyone could expect. It doesn't quite have the same amount of respect for its original as last month's revision of "Friday the 13th," but I wouldn't call it a wasted effort.

This new vision puts a slight shift on some of the plot details in the original as we meet a young girl named Mari (Sara Paxton), who arrives at a remote lakehouse with her friend Paige (Martha Maclaasc), only to be abducted by a crew of prison escapees. Mari and Paige are lured into the trap by a charming boy, a hooded pot smoking drifter named Justin (Spencer Treat Clark), who is actually the son of the lead killer Krug (Garret Dillahunt)... not exactly my idea of "charming."

Krug and his acquaintances then proceed to eliminate the girls by taking them out into the woods and disposing of them, but in the midst of the struggle, one of the convicts is injured, and must seek medical attention from a physician named John (Tony Goldwyn), who lives in the last lake house on the left with his wife Emma (Monica Potter). Aside from the fact that Mari is still alive and wandering the woods in search of help, the ruthless killers have a much bigger surprise awaiting them as it becomes



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clear that John and Emma are in fact, Mari's parents. What happens next will accumulate into some of the most terrifying sequences to hit the big screen in years as a couple of loving parents are forced to take action against a group of renegades who just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. In this case, however, that's just too bad.

Having come out nearly four decades ago, it's easy to suggest that a lot of us may have forgotten Craven's "The Last House," but with a clearly modernized, more gruesome look that fits the new generation better, I must say that it is somewhat pleasing to see a kind of torture in which the bad guys are the victims.

I must be fair and warn anyone who is curious about this movie that amidst all the bloody chaos, there is also

a violently shocking rape scene that really pushes the envelope on just how far the MPAA can stretch the "restricted" rating. What little bit of content I find just too disturbing for film is probably the kind of stuff you wouldn't even dare to pen in a screenplay, but after seeing this, it won't be half as enduring to watch Charlize Theron get pushed over the line in "Monster," or revisit Ned Beatty's work in "Deliverance."

While it's usually a sign of failure for me, I honestly can't venture to guess whether or not it would be "acceptable" for people to laugh at this horror film. But I am sure that those who pay to see it won't have any problem asking themselves: "wouldn't I have done the same thing if it were my child?" Of course, the primary focus of a movie like this is to terrorize and disturb the audience (which it does fairly well), but Wes Craven has always been known to accentuate his work beyond just the genre limitations, and in watching this movie, I found my brain jolting back and forth between utter shock and reasonable assumptions.

The average parent may not use such maniacal tactics as the ones here, but with a group of renowned killers in your house, a storm raging outside and no possibility of someone hearing the disturbance... I highly doubt that anyone would pick up something unless they intended to use it.

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# Governor's Mansion provides new perspective on the past

*Tours now offered that portray lives of slaves*

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS  
STAFF REPORTER

The Old Governor's Mansion exudes historical significance while relaying the stories of the eight governors that resided within its walls.

Its life encompasses the Antebellum era, Civil War era and the early phases of Reconstruction.

"The mansion continues to uncover the past and create a passage for new comprehension," said James Turner, director of The Old Governor's Mansion.

As a way to keep the history of the mansion and the state of Georgia alive, tours are given Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

While these tours are very in-

formative, they are often given from the governor's point of view. However, the roles have recently been reversed and the Old Governor's Mansion is now offering a Tuesday specialty tour entitled "Labor Behind the Veil: The History of Slaves and Free Persons."

"[Labor Behind the Veil] will broach the subject of how these people worked and lived," said Matthew Davis, curator of The Old Governor's Mansion.

This version of the tour has been a work in progress.

"We knew there was another story out there and it needed to be revealed," Davis said.

Through the use of primary



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The Governor's Mansion uses authentic keys to lock the historic landmark.

documentation, such as diaries and letters, Davis and others were able to write a narrative that gave a voice to the mansion's slaves and free persons.

"After 5 years of research, it came together quite well," Turner said.

There are even areas of the mansion that have never been

seen before during the traditional mansion tours. This hidden area reveals a narrow, spiral staircase that leads from the upper level of the mansion to the bottom. Its specific purpose was to veil the African-American workers and keep their presence hid-

den. While they may not have been physically seen, the fruits of the slaves' labor was evident in more ways than one.

The wooden floors throughout most of the mansion were said to have a magnificent shine, thanks to the work of a slave. The slaves

used milk which contained lactic acid and maintained the floors' ever-shining appeal.

The African-American workers may have been restricted to a specific stairwell, but they did not allow this setback or any other restriction to cause them to claim defeat. They pushed on in the face of adversity, and now their stories are being heard.

While some of the African-Americans involved in the interactions of the mansion were given the status of a slave, some were considered to be free people. This freedom was often bought or earned by doing additional tasks to gain money.

The tour was created to remove the veil that has been present for many years. It is now being offered free of charge to GCSU students.

"I hope GCSU will take advantage of this opportunity, and come and learn about the African-Americans that supported this building," Turner said.

"Labor Behind the Veil" will be offered by appointment only on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 2

## Pianist's recital right on key

BY BOBBY GENTRY  
STAFF WRITER

Ian Altman played the piano for the audience in Max Noah Recital Hall last Monday night. He played a variety of music including various sonatas as well as pieces from Chopin. A dynamic range from pianissimo to fortissimo was represented and a smooth legato was heard as well as many fast staccato passages.

"I was very impressed by his hands. He moves so fast, and his dynamics are great. He's very precise, and he's a very good performer. I am a pianist and I play a lot of chopin like he did but nothing that hard," said Heidi Jackson, sophomore exercise science major.

Altman made no reservations in showcasing his talents and students responded accordingly.

"It was really good, I really enjoyed it. The music was really fluid and how he memorized the music was just amazing. I'm a ballet dancer and so I connect more with the soft parts instead of the abrupt tempo changes," said Crescense O'Neil, sophomore athletic training major.

Dr. Greg Pepetone teaches both Gothic Imagination and piano classes at GCSU. He organized this event and brought Altman to perform here.

"I met him when we were both asked to judicate a high school piano event, and that was shortly after I arrived here,"



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Ian Altman performed Chopin among other musicians on Monday in Russell Auditorium

"I was always drawn to it, (when) I was 6 years old, my mother took me to hear Arthur Rubinstein and I almost went nuts," said Altman. "They couldn't keep me quiet in my seat, I was jumping up and down. I was so excited. The piano has always been an integral part of

me."

His musical taste developed as he began to find some types of music to be more enjoyable than others. Altman performed one of his favorite artists for GCSU students and guests.

"I have a very wide interest, but I always come back to Chopin," said Altman. "He taught the piano to sing like no other. Liszt taught it to belch fire, as you might have heard tonight, but Chopin taught it to sing."

His talents and abilities were well received and the audience had an overwhelming positive reaction to the music.

"His technique is absolutely incredible," said Tyler Allen, music education major. "The different color and timbre that he is able to create is quite incredible."

said Pepetone. "We introduced each other and had lunch together and started exchanging views and very quickly the idea came up that perhaps we should exchange concerts as well."

Altman primarily works as a piano instructor at Mercer, but also travels around the country performing concerts. Pepetone played a concert last year at Mercer, and Altman came to GCSU to return the favor.

"Whatever you do in music the first thing you have to have is a good ear, and then you have to have a physical knack for whatever instrument you want to be proficient at," said Altman. "I just happen to have a physical knack for playing the piano."

Altman started playing at a young age and quickly grew to be a talented and recognized musician.

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# 'Cats climb to No. 4, perfect in PBC



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Junior Max Beliankou prepares to crush a forehand shot against Concord on Wednesday.

BY ALLISON BRAMLETT  
STAFF WRITER

With the beautiful weather this week came three wins for the GCSU men's tennis team, resulting in a six-match streak and a high national ranking.

The team defeated Augusta State 7-2 last Friday. They won five singles matches and two of their three doubles matches. Coach Steve Barsby felt the game was a solid finish. "The guys played well," Barsby

said. "I think it's one of the better matches, as far as from top to bottom, that we've played all spring."

Despite a difference of five matches between the two teams, junior Giovane Nucci said it was not as easy as it looked.

"The score was easy, but some of the matches were pretty tough," Nucci said.

The win against Augusta State was a conference win, something Barsby hopes will continue throughout the season. Right now, GCSU is number one in the Peach Belt Conference and the only one who has not lost a conference game.

The team played again on Sunday, coming away with another win against Anderson University. The Bobcats scraped by with a score of 5-4. The team won two doubles matches and three singles matches.

"We didn't play as well [Sunday] as we played Friday, but we got through it," Barsby said. "That's the good thing about our team this year. We're good enough that if someone's not playing well, the other guys can pick him up and we'll get through it."

The Bobcats had no problems getting through on Wednesday as they breezed by the Concord University Mountain Lions 9-0. This match was the third shutout for the team this season.

The top two players on the team, seniors Erick Siqueira and Justin Pickham, were given a day of rest in preparation for a tougher upcoming schedule and to give less experi-

enced players some opportunities.

The victory against Concord was not just another win for everyone on the team. Freshman Leo Bernardes and sophomore Kyle Uhles both won their singles matches, the first for both of their careers.

Defeating Concord marks the team's sixth win in a row, giving them an overall standing of 8-1.

Just this week, the new rankings placed GCSU No. 4 in the nation in Division II.

Junior Max Beliankou, who won both his singles and doubles matches on Sunday, credits the team as a whole for their success thus far in the season.

"I think it's the strongest team we've had here at GCSU," said last week's Peach Belt player of the week.

His doubles partner Nucci, who also won his singles match Sunday, expressed the same attitude, stating that the team is "very united."

"I think that's what is making our team very solid right now. We have good players from number one to number six," said Nucci. "That is what's making a difference. It's what's going to make us do well, or not, in nationals."

Nationals is something the team is looking forward to. Nucci calls it a "main goal of the team that has everyone focused."

The next match for the Bobcats is a home matchup with PBC foe Lander University this Saturday at 1 p.m.

## Bobcats fall in semi's, earn NCAA bid

BY SAM HUNT  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU men's basketball team won their first-round Peach Belt Tournament game against North Georgia College & State University on Friday, but was knocked out in the semifinal round by Augusta State on Saturday. Despite the setback, the Bobcats were selected to the NCAA tournament as the No. 4 seed in the Southeast region.

The NGCSU game started off close, until with 7:16 remaining in the first half, the Saints gained a ten-point lead against the Bobcats. The Saints maintained their lead over the Bobcats for the remainder of the first half, and went into halftime up 35-30.

When the second half began, the Bobcats stepped up their efforts. With 17:52 left in the game, a free throw by senior guard Ken Kemp tied the score at 37. Then, the lead continued to change hands.

With 2:04 remaining in the game and the Bobcats trailing by one, a three made by senior guard Shaun Keaton put GCSU ahead 72-70. From then

on, the Bobcats were able to maintain control and won 81-76.

The high scorer for the game was Keaton, with 34 points. Keaton's total was the second-most points scored in a single game by a Bobcat, just one point behind the all-time record of 35.

The Bobcats' season was ended by Augusta State University on Saturday.

The game started off with both teams playing well. With 9:37 remaining in the first half, the Jaguars managed to pull ahead by ten points, with the score at 29-19. The score at the end of the first half was 44-39 in favor of the Jaguars.

When the second half began, both teams continued to play well. However, even though the Bobcats and the Jaguars were close, the Jaguars kept the lead over GCSU for the entire second half.

The closest that the Bobcats were to taking the lead was when 29 seconds were left in the game, Ken Kemp was fouled.

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## Baseball rallies twice for new streak

BY SAM HUNT  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU baseball team swept a two-game series against Pfeiffer University on Tuesday and Wednesday. In both games, the Bobcats came from behind at the end of the game to defeat the Falcons. The score in the first game was 8-4 and the second game was 10-9.

The wins put the Bobcats' streak at three, after a subpar weekend in which they dropped two of three to Georgia Southwestern State University. The opening loss to GSW ended their ten-game winning streak and was their first loss since Feb. 13.

When the first game started, Pfeiffer took scored one run in the first inning to take the lead 1-0. Both teams scored one run each in the third inning, putting the score at 2-1 with the Falcons leading. Then in the sixth inning, both teams scored two runs each, making the score 4-3 in favor of the Falcons.

In the seventh inning, when Pfeiffer was ahead by one, the Bobcats scored five runs, making the score 8-4, where it would remain until the end.

Junior outfielders Kyle Allen and Sean Harrell both scored two runs, and Allen was 3-4 with an RBI.

"We've got great team chemistry," Allen said. "We had a lot of resilience coming back in the seventh. Hopefully we can keep on pounding them out."

Harrell was 2-3 at bat with two RBIs. "I think it went well," Harrell said. "We made some little mistakes on defense a few times, but we finally got some bats rolling at the end and got across a few runs, enough to win."

Junior third baseman Brett George was 2-3 at bat with one run.

The Bobcats faced Pfeiffer again Wednes-



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Junior closer Martin Dewald fires a strike against Pfeiffer on Wednesday. Dewald pitched the final 1.2 innings and got his fifth win of the season in the Bobcat comeback win.

day at 3 p.m. The Falcons again took the lead early in the game by scoring two runs in the first and second innings.

In the fifth inning, Pfeiffer scored another run, putting the score at 5-0. In the sixth inning, both teams scored four runs, making the score 9-4.

In the ninth inning, with the Falcons still leading by five runs, the Bobcats scored six runs to defeat Pfeiffer University 10-9.

Harrell was 3-4 with one run scored. George scored two runs and had one RBI.

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## THE SIDE LINE



BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

There has been and always will be debate about the best way to decide a national champion in college sports (the BCS comes to mind).

One sport, college basketball, has got it right. No, perfect. The NCAA basketball tournament is by far the best in any sport, for several reasons.

First, the selection process takes into account the regular season as well as each conference tournament. Teams that dominate in the regular season can coast in their conference tournaments, because they've earned the right to. On the flipside of the coin, teams that struggled all season can play their way into the Big Dance with a stunning stretch of games.

Second, the bracket is well-designed. 65 teams have at least a snowball's chance in hell of taking the title, but the elite teams are given the best chance in the four-region system.

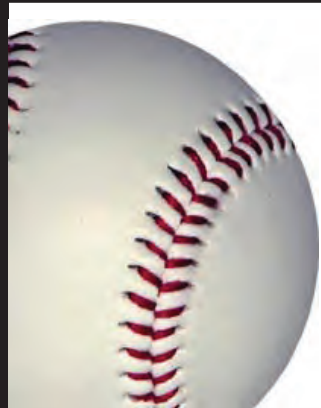
Third, the elite teams have to navigate a minefield if they hope to win it all. The field is loaded with talent, each and every year, and college basketball, especially in March, is the most unpredictable sport of all. Last year's occurrence of all four No. 1 seeds reaching the Final Four won't happen again for a long time.

Finally, the schedule is perfect for the event. The first two days are insane, with 32 games cutting the field in half and providing hours and hours of fun. Then, as contenders are separated from pretenders, the games are more spread out and thus become almost mini-championships of their own. The whole process takes three weeks, but has an entire year's worth of entertainment.

The single-game elimination, all-or-nothing pressure of the tournament provides some of the greatest moments in sports, as Cinderella teams knock off high seeds with last-second threes, and previously unknown players from tiny schools become household names.

There is nothing like the NCAA basketball tournament, and with the 2009 edition just around the corner, my blood is pumping just a little quicker.

## THE SHORT STOP



### Upcoming Sports

#### Tennis:

March 14	1 p.m.	Lander
March 16	2:30 p.m.	Limestone

#### Baseball:

March 13	6 p.m.	North Georgia
March 14	2 p.m.	North Georgia
	5 p.m.	North Georgia

### Quote of the Week

"With so many years in this game and in so many different leagues, when someone tells you they think they have seen it all, they end up being wrong."

- Dominican Republic manager Felipe Alou, after his heavily-favored team was knocked out of the World Baseball Classic by the underdog Netherlands. (ESPN.com)

### Stat of the Week

# 65

Spots available in the NCAA basketball tournament, which will be filled throughout this week and finally decided on Sunday.



# ‘Cats can’t build on tourney success

BY BETH BENTON  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU softball team finished well in this past weekend’s Wolves Invitational, winning four out of five games. The Bobcats struggled in Tuesday’s doubleheader, however, falling to the University of West Georgia 7-3 and 6-2.

The team won two of three games on Mar. 6 in day one of the tournament in Carrollton, Ga.

The Bobcats dominated Florida Southern College 2-1, where senior Mandy Chandler recorded 10 strikeouts and allowed only two hits and one run.

Senior third baseman Tonya Medders and junior second baseman Allison Schwimer each went 2-for-3 at bat. Freshman outfielder Jessica Solomon hit her first collegiate home run, while fellow freshman, outfielder Stephanie Lezcano, went 2-for-4 with one RBI. The Bobcats had seven hits overall while the Moccasins had two.

In their second game, the Bobcats were shutout 2-0 by No. 17 University of Alabama at Huntsville. Chandler pitched seven innings, giving up two runs, four hits and four walks and striking out 13 batters. UAH’s Sage Woomham pitched seven innings and allowed only one hit, by GCSU freshman catcher Anna Parker.

The team came back strong in game three with a 6-3 victory over the University of West Alabama. Freshman Haley Burnett pitched the first four innings, gaining her first collegiate win, while Chandler pitched the final three. Burnett also picked up her first collegiate home run.

“The game went really well,” Burnett said. “We came together as a team and got clutch hits when they were needed. We had killer defense and good pitching.”

Lezcano and senior outfielder Sherquita Bostick were both strong at bat in day one of the Wolves Invitational, hosted by the University of West Georgia.

The Bobcats closed out day two of the tournament beating the University of North Alabama 6-0 and the University of West Georgia 6-5.

In game one, Chandler pitched her second shutout of the season, giving up two hits and striking out seven batters. Offensively, Medders went 2-for-

4 along with Lezcano. Junior outfielder Allison Schwimer collected two RBI while Solomon added one. Parker was 3-for-3.

“I think (the team) showed up, and we played with a lot of heart,” Schwimer said. “I knew we had the ability.”

In the second game, the Wolves scored three runs in the top of the first, but the ‘Cats came back strong, scoring two. West Georgia was up by two after the top of the second inning, but the Bobcats pulled ahead, scoring four runs in the bottom of the second. The Wolves scored one run in the sixth, but the Bobcats still triumphed, winning by one.

Burnett pitched the first inning and Chandler pitched the last six innings in relief, giving up three hits and two runs, walking four and fanning seven.

Parker went 1-for-4 with an RBI while Lezcano went 1-for-4 with two runs and an RBI. Bostick went 2-for-4 with an RBI while fellow senior, second baseman Lindsey Swanson, was 3-for-4, scoring two runs with an RBI double. Schwimer went 2-for-3 and scored once.

“We played really well this weekend and ended up 4-1,” Head Coach Ginger Chaffinch said. “We played some tough teams, but had really good pitching, good defense and good hitting. I just hope we can keep that up going into the conference games we have coming up.”

On Tuesday, Mar. 10, the Bobcats took on the University of West Georgia Wolves again, losing in a doubleheader 7-3 and 6-2.

The Bobcats were down 4-1 in the top of the sixth, but scored two to cut the lead to one. The Wolves put up three runs in the bottom of the sixth, making the final score 7-3.

Chandler pitched five innings, giving up seven runs and 10 hits while strik-



Junior outfielder Allison Schwimer looks for a hit.

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ing out eight batters. The loss brought Chandler to 13-6 for the season.

Offensively, Medders and Solomon went 2-for-3 while Lezcano went 2-for-4, scoring one run. Davis was 1-for-2 with one RBI while Bostick was 1-for-3 with one run. Though both teams had 10 hits, the Wolves turned more hits into runs, winning game one of the doubleheader.

In the second game, the Bobcats lost 6-2, giving Burnett her third loss of the season. She pitched six innings, allowing 13 hits, three walks, six runs and striking out two batters. The Wolves’ pitcher, Kacie Crider, allowed only three hits and two runs.

Bostick and Swanson both went 1-for-3 with one RBI while junior outfielder Haley Holloway was 1-for-3, scoring one run. Swanson and Solomon both scored in the third, pulling the Bobcats ahead 2-1, but the Wolves scored four runs in the fifth inning to take the win. The Wolves outhit the Bobcats 13-to-3.

The team plays at home Thursday, Mar. 12, when they take on Peach Belt Conference opponent Georgia Southwestern State University in a doubleheader beginning at 2 p.m.

# Golf takes fourth in loaded field

BY KYLE COLLINS  
SENIOR REPORTER

The Bobcat golf team carved out a solid fourth place finish amidst 13 Division I squads in the Cleveland Golf Palmetto Invitational. The host team, University of South Carolina at Aiken, and GCSU were the only Division II schools competing at the event held March 9-10.

USC Aiken won the title for its fourth victory of the year by 15 shots over runner-up Liberty University. Liberty’s Robert Karlsson took the individual honors with rounds of 67-73-69.

The old-style par 70 layout at the Palmetto Golf Club proved testy as no team and only one player broke par for the event. USC Aiken opened with a tournament low ever-par 280, while Karlsson ended the week at one-under-par.

GCSU stayed consistent shooting 294-293-294 to creep into the top-five. This was the first appearance for the Bobcats at the Palmetto event in several years.

“We get in this (event) every five years or so,” Head Coach Jimmy Wilson said. “It’s an old-style short golf course that’s only 6,700 yards, but still a dang good test.”

Continuing a spring theme of solid golf, junior Niclas Johansson finished third in the event. Johansson carried the rest of the squad, wrapping up the tournament at three-over-par after workmanlike rounds of 72-70-71.

Despite quick flashes of brilliance, the other four Bobcats never got their strokes on a free flowing path. Sophomore Joe Young just missed a top-20 finish, after a closing 76 to go with earlier totals of 74 and 71.

Juniors Francisco Bide and Pedro Lima fought off big numbers early in the event to post respectable scores of 73 and 74 on the final day. Sophomore Billy Shida opened with a promised round of 72, but lost some rhythm in twin second and third round 80s.

“If you relaxed, the course could jump up and grab you,” Wilson said. “Success was all about placement off the tee. You couldn’t just step up there and bomb it.”

After a less than inspiring start to the spring season, the Bobcats have become accustomed to channeling negativity. Adversity faced later in vital postseason events will be easier to take, according to Wilson.

“I know we are frustrated, but it will be good come regionals. We are getting mentally prepared. Regionals will definitely be a battle,” Wilson said.

After the completion of an intense regular season schedule, GCSU plays in a newly combined NCAA Super Regional. The south and southeast regions have been consolidated, creating a massive event with over 20 high ranking teams competing for limited spots in the national championship.

With over ten of the current top 15 in the Golfstat rankings tightly wedged in this regional, the field could be more competitive than nationals.

GCSU returns to action in Valdosta March 15-17 for the Southeastern Collegiate. The Bobcats finished second by one shot last year. Johansson also just missed an individual title, losing in a three-man playoff.

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# ‘Cats close season in PBC tourney

BY MATT CHAMBERS  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU women’s basketball team ended their season with a 62-48 loss to USC Aiken in the quarter-final round of the Peach Belt Conference Championship Tournament on March 5.

During the game, senior forward Tiauna Brantley racked up 19 points and six rebounds for the ‘Cats. Brantley scored 10 of those points in one five-minute span.

Coach John Carrick was really pleased with Brantley’s performance this season.

“(Brantley) stepped up her game her senior year,” Carrick said. “And (she has) really led this team in a very, very nice way.”

Junior Antoinette Reames, also playing forward, had eight rebounds and nine points against the Lady Pacers.

The Bobcats were kept at 36.4 percent shooting. Making deep shots proved extremely difficult for the team, going only 1-of-12 behind the three-point arc.

The first half of the game was an exchange of leads in which neither team lead by a margin more than four points. The Lady Pacers lead 26-23 at halftime after a three-pointer by Meredith Legg.

Other key players for Aiken were Morgan Johnson and Kendra Chandler. Chandler led the Lady Pacers scoring 16 points and earning seven rebounds. Johnson added 14 points and nine rebounds.

The final 20 minutes of the match brought the Pacers a 61.1 shot percentage from the floor. The Bobcats struggled only making 7-of-20.

“The second half we came out and we couldn’t get

baskets,” Carrick said. “We continued to fight and play hard, but we just got more and more frustrated because we couldn’t make the baskets and they could.”

After dropping to Aiken, the women’s basketball team finished the season at 17-11, sixth place in the Peach Belt standings. This season ranged in success with the Bobcats reaching the No. 6 spot in the NCAA Regional Rankings.

Carrick felt the up and down season was a result of being complacent.

“We got a little satisfied with how many different ways we were winning,” Carrick said. “It’s not that we stopped working, just the fact that we thought ‘we got this’ and there’s that mechanism in the brain that hits into the relaxation stage.”

Junior guard Shandrea Moore, the team captain, broke down the team this season into strengths and weaknesses.

“We play together, that’s definitely the strength, and we’ve got multiple people who can score on our team,” Moore said. “Our weakness this year was that we weren’t able to finish a lot of games.”

Three Bobcat seniors are graduating and leaving the team. Brantley, guard Emily Bixler, and forward Tonishia Wimbish, and they will be missed by the Bobcats.

Regarding next year’s team and season, Carrick has high hopes, but won’t make any promises about performance or records.

“You hope that your returning players can improve and everybody can take the responsibility to move up the ladder a little bit,” Carrick said. “We will be in shape. As a coach that’s the only thing you can guarantee.”

## Basketball

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Kemp then made both free throws, putting the score at 75-74, and the Bobcats trailed by a single point.

Even so, the Bobcats were unable to pull off a victory and the final score of the game was 79-74.

“There’s always room for improvement, but were definitely thinking as a team,” junior guard Graham Martin said. “We did some really good things this weekend and I think we’re headed in the right direction.”

GCSU’s shooting average for the game was 37.3 percent on field goals, including 36.1 on three-point field goals and 79.3 percent on free throws.

Keaton was, for the fifth game in a row, the highest scorer for the Bobcats. Keaton’s was 4-of-11 on field goals, including 4-of-10

on three-pointers and 8-of-9 on free throws.

“It was a disappointment since we lost,” Keaton said. “But I feel like we had some things that gave us some encouragement. We played strong and had a lot of heart, we just came up a little short.”

Ken Kemp followed Keaton with 19 points for the Bobcats. Kemp was 3-of-6 on field goals, including 3-of-4 on three-point field goals and a perfect 10-of-10 on free throws.

“We have to continue to work on trying to tighten up the defense and offense,” Head Coach Terry Sellers said. “We’ll just try to get a little sharper at execution on offense.”

Although GCSU is out of the Peach Belt Tournament, they are preparing for the NCAA national tournament. The Bobcats, now ranked No. 24, will face the No. 5-seed, Barton College, the 2007 national champions, in Augusta on Saturday.

## Baseball

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“It was a big win,” George said. “We battle. That’s probably our greatest strength. You can really never count us out; we’re going to battle until the end.”

Junior pitcher Martin Dewald struck out four of the six batters he faced.

“We stay calm throughout the game,” Dewald said. “When it comes down to the end, we step it

up and end up winning it. We don’t give up.”

Junior first baseman Matt Pitts was 2-4 at bat with 2 runs and one RBI.

The Bobcats have a home game Friday against North Georgia College and State University at 6:00 p.m., and face NGCSU again on Saturday in a doubleheader.

“We just need to put everything together,” Head Coach Tom Carty said. “We’re still working on putting together the offense, defense and pitching. You try to have those three parts of the game show up ev-



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The Bobcats scored six runs in the bottom of the ninth to stun Pfeiffer 10-9.

## Athlete of the week: Shaun Keaton



Keaton

BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU Athletic Department has named Shaun Keaton, a senior guard on the men’s basketball team, its athlete of the week for the week ending Mar. 8.

This is Keaton’s fifth such award this season, and the seventh for the men’s basketball team.

Keaton averaged 27 points per game in the PBC tournament this past weekend.

In game one, Keaton went off for a career-high 34, one shy of the GCSU record, in a Bobcat victory over NGCSU. He hit six threes and was 8-of-9 from the line.

In the Bobcats’ loss to Augusta State, Keaton’s 20-point effort was not enough to push the team to victory.

The Bobcats begin NCAA tournament play on Saturday against Barton College.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Friday, March 13-  
Thursday, March 19**

## Friday, March 13

6:00 p.m. Bobcats Baseball v. North Georgia, West Campus  
8:00 p.m. The Arts & Letters Prize in Drama  
Arts & Sciences Auditorium  
8:00 p.m. Some Are People, Max Noah Recital Hall  
8:00 p.m. Arts and Letters Festival, Arts & Sciences

## Saturday, March 14

1:00 p.m. Lady Bobcats Softball v. Tusculum  
West Campus  
1:00 p.m. Bobcats Tennis v. Lander, Centennial Center  
2:00 p.m. Bobcats Baseball v. North Georgia, West Campus  
3:00 p.m. Lady Bobcats Softball v. Tusculum, West Campus  
8:00 p.m. Some Are People, Max Noah Recital Hall  
8:00 p.m. The Arts & Letters Prize in Drama  
A&S Auditorium

## Sunday, March 15

## Monday, March 16

2:00 p.m. Lady Bobcats Softball v. Lander, West Campus  
2:30 p.m. Bobcats Tennis v. Limestone, Centennial Center  
2:30 p.m. Lady Bobcats Tennis v. Limestone, Centennial  
4:00 p.m. Lady Bobcats Softball v. Lander, West Campus

## Tuesday, March 17

2:30 p.m. Paris Trout, Arts & Sciences Auditorium  
7:00 p.m. Rashomon in Milledgeville: Flannery O'Connor  
and Pete Dexter on the Stenbridge Murders  
Arts & Sciences Auditorium

## Wednesday, March 18

12:30 p.m. Careers in Education Employer Panel  
125 Kilpatrick Hall  
12:30 -1:45 p.m. GCSU Green Initiative Committee Meeting  
2-16 Arts & Sciences  
1:00 p.m. Lady Bobcats Softball v. Carson-Newman  
West Campus  
3:00 p.m. Lady Bobcats Softball v. Carson-Newman  
West Campus

## Thursday, March 19

12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. DegreeWorks Student Planner  
University Banquet Room  
3:00 p.m. Career Talk on WGUR 88.9FM  
WGUR 88.9FM  
7:30 p.m. GCSU Concert Band Spring Concert  
Russell Auditorium

Please send calendar submissions to [colonnadenews@gcsu.edu](mailto:colonnadenews@gcsu.edu)

## SGA Ad-Hoc's Tackle the Tough Issues

Every semester the student government puts together Ad-Hoc committees designed to address specific issues. Last semester, smoking on campus became a hot subject. In response, SGA put together an Ad-Hoc to check the pulse of the student body and make a recommendation to the University Senate.

First, the Student Services committee has been tasked to compile the everyday concerns of the average student, and address whatever they are capable of. So far this semester they've focused, although not exclusively, on the topic of food and how students on a meal plan can have a better dining experience at Sodexo. That mission has included a survey and a set up of a meeting between Sodexo Services management and a panel of students with questions and suggestions.

Second, the Housing

Ad-Hoc has been set up to answer the call of many second semester freshmen, alongside upper classmen who live in university housing, who believe the move-in dates mandated by university housing are not in accordance with what a student needs to move back in and settle down before class starts.

Further, the issue would affect incoming freshmen who would also have to deal with the move in dates. The committee has consulted a large number of freshmen and returning students in an attempt to gauge where the student body stands on the topic. They are a building a resolution and working with RSA and university housing to make a compromise that could potentially include students being able to move in to the residence halls a day or two sooner than was previously allowed.

Lastly, the City Relations committee has been working hard on maintaining a positive image with the city of Milledgeville.

They have set up a number of programs that will hopefully serve the student body as a whole. City Relations has set up a police forum where officers from both the university public safety department and representatives from the city of Milledgeville will be together informing students of activities to engage in if they want to steer clear of the law. SGA hopes this will be a venue in which students can familiarize themselves with individual officers and perhaps gain some connections that will help them stay out of trouble and encourage them to make good decisions. That event is scheduled for March 18 at 7:30 p.m., in the A&S auditorium.

These committees are working hard to serve the campus community by completing the specific tasks set up for them by SGA. If you have an issue that needs addressing please be sure to notify your representative, and they will put their best effort into tackling it.



## THE COLONNADE

# Public Safety Report



### Patrol Vehicle Hit

On March 5 at approximately 9:07 a.m., Sgt. English reported that he was in his patrol vehicle in Lot No. 12 when he pulled up behind a vehicle in the lot that was occupied. The vehicle sat there for a few minutes and then backed up, striking the patrol vehicle. Milledgeville PD was called to work the accident.

### Break In at the Governors Mansion

On March 6 at approximately 2 a.m., Sgt. Pissott was dispatched to the old Governors Mansion in reference to an intrusion alarm. The building was searched and the door to the museum was found unlocked. Police were called to the scene and advised that nothing appeared to be disturbed and reset the alarm.

### Late Night Beating

On March 7 at approximately 4 p.m., a subject reported that he had been in a verbal altercation at a restaurant the night before with four or five males. When he began to walk home, the males assaulted him, causing numerous scratches and bruising to his face. The subject advised that he had been drinking alcohol and blacked out during the assault and was unable to give a description of the suspects. Pictures were taken of the injuries.

### DUI

On March 7 at approximately 11 p.m., Officer J. Miller observed a vehicle on Hancock Street with a broken taillight. The truck was also driving erratically and making quick turns and accelerating quickly. A traffic stop was initiated and contact made with the driver. A check through GCIC found the subject to be 19 years of age. When tested

on the Intoxilyzer 5000, the driver registered .186. The subject was arrested and transported to Milledgeville PD and charged with DUI under 21, taillight requirements and underage possession of alcohol. A fake drivers' license was confiscated from the diver. The vehicle was removed from the scene by a licensed sober driver.

### Dismanteled Car

On March 9 at approximately 2 a.m., while on patrol in the Depot area, Officer J. Miller observed a vehicle with the emergency flashers on. Upon checking the vehicle, Officer Miller found the doors unlocked and the dash snatched away from the windshield. The radio was intact and CD's were in the vehicle. A message was left on the owner's phone, but he did not return the call. Officer Miller turned off the flashers and secured the vehicle. The case is still active pending contact with the owner.

### Village Vandalism

On March 8 at approximately 1 a.m., Officer J. Miller was dispatched to The Village, building 500 in reference to a fire alarm. Upon arrival, it was determined that a fire extinguisher had been activated causing the alarm to go off. Milledgeville Fire Department responded and used fans to clear the smoke from the area. Custodial was called to clean up the residue. There were also several bulletin boards torn down and a jug of Sunny Delight splattered on the walls. Several items were collected and the case turned over to Detective Butler.



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